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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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Application of:

Applicant: Paul S. Prevey III

Serial No.: 09/516,328

Filed: March 1, 2000 Art Unit: 3726

Docket: LRI-003PAT Examiner: Eric Compton

Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A RESIDUAL STRESS  
DISTRIBUTION IN THE SURFACE OF A PART**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION  
DATED APRIL 5, 2001**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

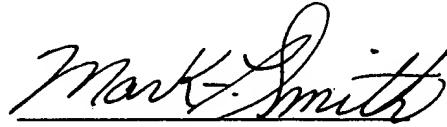
**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on August 20, 2001.

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